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# DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

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First Named Inventor

JEFFREY D. OTTEN

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Application Number

Filing Date

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**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

KEEL JOINT CENTRALIZER

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

OR



was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Application Number

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle (if any)) JEFFREY D.		Family Name or Surname OTTEN	
Inventor's Signature <i>Jeffrey D. Otten</i>		Date 8/17/03	
Residence: City Cypress	State Texas	Country USA	Citizenship US
Mailing Address 13114 Chriswood Dr.			
City Cypress	State TX	ZIP 77429	Country USA
NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle (if any)) DAVID		Family Name or Surname TRENT	
Inventor's Signature <i>David Trent</i>		Date 8/19/03	
Residence: City CYPRESS	State TEXAS	Country USA	Citizenship US
Mailing Address 15023 CYPRESS WATERS Dr.			
City CYPRESS	State TEXAS	ZIP 77429	Country USA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on the 1 supplemental sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.			



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**DECLARATION****ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**  
**Supplemental Sheet**  
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<b>Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name TRAVIS R.		Family Name or Surname JORDAN	
Inventor's Signature <i>Travis R. Jordan</i>		Date 8/18/03	
Residence: City Houston	State TX	Country Hawaii's	Citizenship USA
Mailing Address 16823 Laguna Springs Dr.			
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City Houston	State TX	ZIP 77095	Country USA
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: JEFFREY D. OTTEN, DAVID TRENT and TRAVIS R. JORDAN

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: KEEL JOINT CENTRALIZERSEAHORSE EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, a CORPORATION

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.  
The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_ %  
in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:A. ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

19 August 2003

Date

281-899-4300

Telephone number

JOSEPH W. BLANDFORD

Typed or printed name



Signature

PRESIDENT

Title

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## A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, JEFFREY D. OTTEN, DAVID TRENT and TRAVIS R. JORDAN are the inventors of the invention entitled KEEL JOINT CENTRALIZER, the application for a non-provisional U.S. patent which is executed of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Seahorse Equipment Corporation., a Texas corporation, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to the aforesaid invention, and in and to said application and any divisional, continuing or reissue application describing said invention, throughout the world, and the entire right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to us in hand paid by Seahorse Equipment Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention throughout the world, and said application for United States Letters Patent and any and all divisions, continuations and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee for its own use and enjoyment and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.


We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof to said Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

We further covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, promptly execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor to said Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives; and that if said Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation application, or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, we will, upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths, and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such disclaimer without further compensation, but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors or other legal representatives.

We do further covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, promptly communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent or the file history thereof as may be known to us, and to willingly testify as to the same in any interference or other litigation when requested to do so.

EXECUTED on this the 19 day of August, 2003.

  
JEFFREY D. OTTEN

  
DAVID TRENT

  
TRAVIS R. JORDAN

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

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§  
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, JEFFREY D. OTTEN, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this 19 day of August, 2003.



Andrea L. Alfred  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 3/13/06

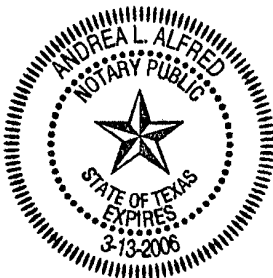
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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, DAVID TRENT, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this 19 day of August, 2003.



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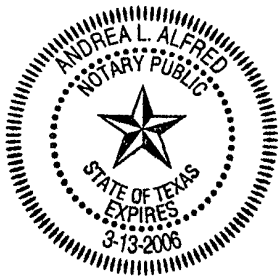
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STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF HARRIS       §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared, TRAVIS R. JORDAN, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this 19 day of August, 2003.



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Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	JEFFREY D. OTTEN
Title	KELL JOINT CENTRALIZER
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	SEAH/508US

I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners at Customer Number:

22031

OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below:

Name	Registration Number

as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I am the:

☐ Applicant/Inventor.

☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

## SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name	JOSEPH W. BLANDFORD, President Seahorse Equipment Corporation		
Signature	<i>Joseph W. Blandford</i>		
Date	19 August 2003	Telephone	281-899-4300

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

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